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REMARKS

In the final Office Action, claims 2-15 have been indicated as being allowable and are retained in their allowable form. Claims 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as invention. With respect to the limitation "air mixed with liquid" in line 18 of claim 16 having insufficient antecedent basis in the claim.

In this Amendment, claim 16 has been amended to include sufficient basis for this limitation by adding that "the longitudinal portion of said open slot not covered by said plate forming an air inlet adjacent said orifice to enable air admitted into the slot through the air inlet to be mixed with liquid flowing between the side walls" for discharge from the nozzle.

The amendment to claim 16 is believed to provide antecedent basis for the mixing function of air and liquid as claimed. Further, entry of this Amendment to claim 16 is appropriate since it does not introduce any new issue. Rather, the Amendment is in response to a rejection based on indefiniteness with respect to the claimed function of air and liquid being mixed before discharge.

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Accordingly, entry and consideration of the Amendment is requested along with the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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